



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

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Management And Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

Gifts Inn BoonsBoro is committed to reducing its impact on the environment. We strive to improve our environmental performance over time and to initiate additional projects and activities that will further reduce our impacts on the environment. Our commitment to the environment extends to our customers, our staff, and the community in which we operate. We are committed to: Comply with all applicable environmental regulations; Prevent pollution whenever possible; Train all of our staff on our environmental program and empower them to contribute and participate; Communicate our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, staff, and our community; and continually improve over time by striving to measure our environmental impacts and by setting goals to reduce these impacts each year.

Environmental Team

Natoma Vargason, Manager, and staff meet monthly. We meet to review work schedules, discuss inventory, plan events as well as discuss how we can improve our work environment by implementing the above environmental policy. This week we decided to switch to soy based ink for our printer and ordered recycled copy paper, which we will print on both sides.

Annual Environmental Goals

Gifts Inn BoonsBoro would like to reduce paper waste by communicating via text and email instead of paper based notes.

Gifts Inn BoonsBoro would like to use only soy based ink as well as recycled paper when printing in house. We plan on measuring this goal for the coming year, including our ink and paper use.

Gifts Inn BoonsBoro intends to use our current cleaning supplies and replace them with locally sourced and environmentally sound products.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Gifts Inn Boonsboro is a retail store specializing in local and regional art, which reduces transportation costs. All gift bags and tissue paper are 100% recycled with 40% or more post-consumer recycled content. 6% of the artists that we work with create product using reclaimed and repurposed materials.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

Gifts Inn BoonsBoro is a community partner and financially supports the Boonsboro Green Fest. This Green Fest is located one block from our business and has enjoyed 5 years of success in educating our community on a variety of sound environmental practices. Our staff also volunteer at the Boonsboro Green Fest at the Gently Used Clothing Collection and Swap by donating our gently used clothing and helping sort the clothing donations. Last year over 7,200 pieces of clothing were swapped or donated to Washington County Children In Need. <http://www.boonsborogreenfest.com/index.php>

Waste

Recycling

Gifts Inn BoonsBoro currently has a recycling contact with Apple Valley and collects comingled recycling, paper and cardboard. We have separate recycling containers in the business that are emptied to the recycling bin located in the rear of the building. We share our recycling bins with a neighboring business so the tonnage of recycling information would reflect both businesses.

We recycle the following:

- *Glass*
- *Ceramics*
- *Paper & Cardboard*
- *Plastics: mixed, Styrofoam,*
- *Beverage cans & bottles*
- *Wood*

- *Metal*
- *Universal Waste (batteries, light bulbs, general electronics)*

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Since opening five years ago, Gifts Inn Boonsboro has converted 20 of its light bulbs to energy efficient bulbs, saving \$190 annually. At the end of the day the one computer we share is turned off as well as the lights. The A/C and or heat are adjusted for the close of business hours to conserve energy.



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